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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT August 1, 2006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego is recirculating for public review a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the following project. The recirculated, draft EIR and technical studies can be viewed at the Department of Public Works, Environmental Services Unit, 5469 Kearny Villa Road, Suite 305, San Diego, California, 92123, at the Tijuana River Valley Regional Park Ranger Station 2721 Monument Road San Diego, CA 92154, and at the public libraries listed below. The recirculated, draft EIR can also be viewed at www.sdparks.org.

The County of San Diego (County) is the lead agency in the preparation of the draft EIR for the Tijuana River Valley Regional Park Trails and Habitat Enhancement Project. This document conforms to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and the County of San Diego's Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA.

The draft EIR for the Tijuana River Valley Regional Park (TRVRP) Trails and Enhancement Project (project) was circulated for Public Review per CEQA Section 15087 for a 60-day Public Review period from December 7, 2005 through February 6, 2006. The County in response to public comment subsequently determined the park users would benefit from the addition of various trail linkages. Exhibit 1-3 depicts the revised project with the additions of two trail segments and the replacement of one trail segment previously described. The revised formal trail network will consist of 22.5 miles of both multi-use, and equestrian and pedestrian only trails.

The changes to the project description include the three additional trail segments. The first trail segment is located on an existing, informal trail north of Monument Road. The trail segment will extend from the previously proposed trail across the Monument Road to the previously described loop on the mesa to the south. The second trail segment is adjacent to a City of San Diego mitigation area. This trail segment was dedicated as a condition of the mitigation area project approval. It provides a link from the proposed staging area on Monument Road to the trails to the north-west. The third segment replaces a segment in the north-western portion of the TRVRP. The previously

proposed trail was to the south of the existing ballfields and north of what is known in the equestrian community as Sherwood Forest trail. The alignment was changed so the currently proposed trail follows the alignment of the Sherwood Forest trail. These linkages would increase the acreage of significant biological impacts within the river valley not previously discussed in the December 7, 2005 draft EIR and the public should be afforded the opportunity to comment on these increased impacts. Therefore, the County has released the revised draft EIR in its entirety for recirculation per CEQA Sections 15088.5 and 15087. Changes to the document are shown using strikeout/underline format. All additional biological impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significant. If you wish to challenge the County's action on the draft EIR in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues that you, or someone else, have raised in written correspondence.

**Project Title: TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL PARK TRAILS AND HABITAT
ENHANCEMENT PROJECT
SCH No. 2004091159**

Location

The TRVRP is located in the City of San Diego in the southwestern portion of San Diego County. The TRVRP is bounded on the east by Dairy Mart Road and the residential community of San Ysidro (with the exception of a portion of the Dairy Mart Ponds that extend further east between the Interstate 5 (I-5) corridor and Camino de la Plaza), on the west by Border Field State Park and the Tijuana Estuary, on the south by the United States International Border with Mexico, and on the north by Sunset Avenue (with the exception of 95 acres immediately north of Sunset) and the residential community of Otay-Nestor.

Project Description

The project proposes to create a formal designated multi-use recreational (equestrian/pedestrian/bicycles) trail network. The trail system would include the installation of a semi-truss recreational trail bridge over the Tijuana River, the establishment of an Eastern trailhead staging area along Dairy Mart Road, the installation of interpretative signage and benches and wetland, riparian and habitat creation and restoration throughout the park including a 60 acre area west of Dairy Mart Ponds.

Comments on this proposed, recirculated, draft EIR must be received no later than September 15, 2006 at 4:00 p.m., a 45-day public review period. The draft EIR can also be reviewed at the Imperial Beach Library 810 Imperial Beach Blvd Imperial Beach, CA 91932 and the San Ysidro Library 101 W. San Ysidro Blvd San Diego, CA 92173. Comments on the recirculated, draft EIR can be submitted in writing to Esther Daigneault, Environmental Planner at 5469 Kearny Villa Road Suite 305 San Diego, CA 92123, fax (858) 874-4043 or email esther.daigneault@sdcounty.ca.gov.